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NOTICE OF APPEAL TO BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS & INTERFERENCES

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated February 10, 2005 of the Examiner finally rejecting claims 16 and 32.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge **\$500.00** to Deposit Account No. 50-0310 for payment of the Notice of Appeal fee.

Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **constructive petition for extension of time** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)(3).

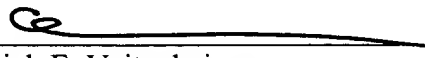
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